

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Mr. Speaker, this almost seems like the "Curious Case of Benjamin Button," a movie that went backwards, particularly when tomorrow, for the umpteenth time, we'll be debating the repeal of the Affordable Care Act, when over 10 States in the United States, including Texas, have uninsureds up to 28 percent.

What are we thinking?

It's a curious state when, in the Judiciary Committee, someone can come in and offer an audio as testimony that the person who is on there happens to be someone who worked in the Department of Justice with no affirmation of who it is, and then expect the Attorney General to answer questions. And in the instance of who it was supposed to be, Mr. Perez, who has been cited by the OIG as restoring integrity to the voting rights section, or in fact blaming the administration for the Associated Press incident when we're talking about trying to protect the Nation from a terrible attack as it relates to terrorism. And everyone knows that we're unified in protecting the First Amendment rights and shielding reporters. We're not looking for reporters; we're looking for those who leaked something dangerous enough to undermine the security of the United States of America.

This is a curious place. It's nothing but a blame game without revealing any truth whatsoever.

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#### RELIGIOUS FREEDOM AND THE PENTAGON

(Mr. FLEMING asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. FLEMING. Mr. Speaker, I want to be certain that the administration and Pentagon leadership do not deny our men and women in uniform one of the very freedoms they are fighting to protect.

On Monday, I led on a letter sent to Defense Secretary Hagel demanding details about a meeting between Pentagon officials and anti-Christian extremist, Mikey Weinstein. Weinstein has spent 9 years at war, those are his words, at war with evangelical Christians, who, he says, are committing "spiritual rape" against the U.S. military, Christians who are merely exercising their First Amendment right, or primary duties, in the case of chaplains.

Mr. Weinstein exploits freedom of speech to name-call and to label Christians as the "Christian Taliban" and "al Qaeda." But he seeks to shut down the religious freedom of expression of servicemembers in the process.

I am troubled with several anti-Christian steps the Pentagon has taken in recent years. That is why my colleagues and I seek answers from Secretary Hagel on this important question now.

#### NATIONAL LAW ENFORCEMENT WEEK

(Mrs. BROOKS of Indiana asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Mrs. BROOKS of Indiana. This week is National Law Enforcement Week and, as chair of the Homeland Security Committee's Emergency Preparedness, Response, and Communications Subcommittee, and as someone who's worked closely with law enforcement as a former deputy mayor of Indianapolis and U.S. Attorney, I want to mark this moment.

Men and women of law enforcement run into the most difficult situations while the rest of us are trying to get out. They spend their lives in harm's way to keep the rest of us out of it.

When I toured the flood damage just last month in Grant, Howard and Tip-top counties, I learned the police had gone door to door to make sure that everyone had evacuated.

When I was U.S. Attorney, I spoke at the funeral of Officer Jake Laird, who was shot and killed by a mentally ill gunman. Officers ran in to save a neighborhood under siege.

Historically, Indiana law enforcement has lost 406 individuals in the line of duty. These men and women gave their lives for their fellow Hoosiers. We are forever grateful to them and to their survivors, and honor their memories by supporting and honoring their service and those who proudly wear the badge.

#### SERIOUS CONSEQUENCES OF THE IMPLEMENTATION OF OBAMACARE

(Mr. MARCHANT asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. MARCHANT. Mr. Speaker, it seems like each day a new study or report is released that finds serious consequences coming from ObamaCare's implementation.

The law is already hurting job creation. This was evidenced in the latest jobs report, which showed an increase in the number of part-time workers and a decrease in the average number of hours worked each week.

This law is also raising insurance premiums, increasing deficits, and will reduce the quality of health care for Americans across the country.

Opposition to this law is bipartisan. In fact, a recent Fox News poll found that 56 percent of people that identified themselves as Democrats were against the thousands of pages of ObamaCare regulations and called them "way over the top."

We must now repeal this law and get to work on reforms that lower costs, improve the quality of care, and protect jobs.

#### WHY THE AFFORDABLE CARE ACT MUST BE REPEALED

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. MASSIE). Under the Speaker's an-

nounced policy of January 3, 2013, the gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. MURPHY) is recognized for 60 minutes as the designee of the majority leader.

Mr. MURPHY of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, we're here tonight to talk about health care, something that is important to all of us, something that we have been discussing in this Chamber for the last few years, trying to make health care affordable and accessible to many American families.

A couple of years ago, out of this Chamber, a bill was passed, one that many didn't even get a chance to read. But we were told, in preparation for that, the American people were told there would be tremendous benefits to passing the President's health care law. The President of the United States himself said it would cut health care costs by \$2,500 per family per year.

We were also told there are a number of benefits, such as no lifetime caps, a number of prevention benefits, certainly ones that many of us agree with. But to get the benefits of the health care bill, we were also told by then-Speaker PELOSI that we had to pass the bill to find out what is in it. We have, since then, found out many of the things that are in it, and many of those we are still discovering as time goes on.

Tonight we'll discuss what is the Affordable Care Act and many aspects of it that concern us deeply, and why it must be repealed, because just the good intentions of the bill are not enough. Good intentions do not guarantee good results.

What we will discuss tonight is a study that has told us some shocking information: how premiums will go up, on average, 96 percent, even more so for young men and for women before retirement.

We will discuss new findings that show massive premiums increases for families, for individuals, for small businesses across the country. To many of these Americans, they will wake up, when they get their health care bills, and find the Affordable Care Act is not affordable.

But first, let us review again some of the promises and the reality of that Affordable Care Act. To seniors, the President's promised that these reforms will not cut your guaranteed benefits. What we've discovered is that there were more than \$500 billion in cuts to Medicare that the administration's own actuarial predicts will lead to providers no longer accepting Medicare, meaning that doctors that seniors have been seeing for a while will simply say, we can no longer afford to provide this.

The nonpartisan Congressional Budget Office predicted that, for Medicare Advantage, these cuts "could lead many plans to limit the benefits they offer, raise their premiums, or withdraw from the program."

It's important to understand that Medicare Advantage is the program that provides a wide range of preventative services and disease management